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Secretary
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Dear Dr. Benjamin:

I am pleased to inform you that your request to amend your home and community-based services waiver for adults with physical disabilities has been approved. This amendment has been given the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services control number **0353.02**.

This amendment expands the eligibility criteria for the waiver to include coverage of those individuals with incomes at or below 300% of Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Although you indicated an effective date of September 1, 2001 in your letter, your staff has asked CMS for the waiver amendment effective date to coincide with the effective date of the waiver, April 1, 2001.

Based upon the information provided, we approve your amendment request to incorporate these changes into this Maryland waiver, effective April 1, 2001.

Sincerely,

Mary Jean Duckett
Director
Division of Benefits, Coverage, & Payment

cc: Marcia Dashevsky, Philadelphia Regional Office

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